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For Immediate Release:

EIU SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOGNITION AWARDS RECEIVED

CHARLESTON – Several Eastern Illinois University students were the recipients of Special Education Recognition Awards, which recognize scholarship, leadership and service in the area of special education.

Recipients include:

ALGONQUIN: Lauren M. Florio, daughter of Thomas and Nancy Florio of Algonquin; 2004 graduate of Jacobs High School in Algonquin; junior special education/elementary education major.

AUBURN: Emma Melinda Ladage, wife of Weldon Ladage and mother of Drew, Joey, Matt, Melanie, Mindy and Melissa, all of Auburn; 1984 graduate of Heritage Christian Academy in Marion; senior special education major.

BELLEVILLE: Carrie M. Friederich, daughter of Glenn and Mary Friederich of Belleville; 2002 graduate of Belleville East High School; senior special education major.

CHARLESTON: Kelsey J. Gregory, daughter of Rick and Debra Gregory of Charleston; 2003 graduate of Effingham High School; senior special education major.

Amy K. Jackson, wife of Luke Jackson and mother of Mary Margaret, Ben, Sam and Bernadette, all of Charleston; 1988 graduate of Jennings County High School in North

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SPECIAL EDUCATION AWARDS

Vernon, Ind.; graduate student in the special education program. **Patricia A. Spence**, wife of Dan Spence of Charleston and mother of Heather Drake, Travis Spence, Zac Trelz, Madison Spence and Wade Spence; daughter of Carl and Edna Ball, also of Charleston; 1978 graduate of Charleston High School; Fall 2005 graduate with a degree in special education.

CHATHAM: Lorie A. Meyers, wife of Dale L. Meyers of Chatham and mother of Rachel, Bryce and Sarah; 1989 graduate of Chandlerville High School; graduate student in the special education program.

DES PLAINES: Jessica L. Seals, fiancé of Jason Slattengren of Rochelle; niece of Linda McGlin of Des Plaines; 2002 graduate of Maine East High School; Spring 2006 graduate with a degree in special education.

ELWOOD: Stephanie E. Sloman, daughter of Robert Sloman of Elwood; 2002 graduate of Joliet Central High School; senior special education major.

FRANKFORT: Colleen O'Connell, daughter of Neil and Kathy O'Connell of Frankfort; 2002 graduate of Lincoln-Way Central High School in New Lenox; senior special education major.

GREENVILLE: Jennifer M. Edd, daughter of John and Velma Edd and granddaughter of Mattie Burton, all of Greenville; 2001 graduate of Bond County Community Unit No. 2 High School in Greenville; senior special education/early childhood education major.

HARRISBURG: Nicole M. Baker, daughter of Greg and Michelle Baker of Harrisburg; 2002 graduate of Harrisburg High School; senior special education major.

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SPECIAL EDUCATION AWARDS

INGLESIDE: Amy M. LeJeune, daughter of Lee and Pam LeJeune of Ingleside; 2004 graduate of Grant Community High School in Fox Lake; junior special education/elementary education major.

LAKE ZURICH: Valerie L. Johnson, daughter of Martin and Denise Johnson of Lake Zurich; 2001 graduate of Lake Zurich High School; graduate student in the special education program.

LAWRENCEVILLE: Kylie D. Funk, daughter of Bill and Kyla Funk of Lawrenceville; graduate of Lawrenceville High School; graduate student in the special education program.

MAPLETON: Jessica L. Wendling, daughter of Gary and Glenda Wendling of Mapleton; 2002 graduate of Limestone Community High School in Bartonville; senior special education/elementary education major.

MOKENA: Michelle L. Stephens, daughter of John and Pam Stephens of Mokena; 2001 graduate of Lincoln-Way High School in New Lenox; senior special education/elementary education major.

MT. GREENWOOD: Michelle L. Gossett, daughter of Bill Gossett and Agness Gossett, both of Chicago; 2001 graduate of Mother McAuley High School in Chicago; Fall 2005 graduate with a degree in special education.

MT. ZION: Tamara S. Wagers, wife of Brad Wagers and mother of Griffin, both of Mt. Zion; daughter of Art and Karen Wilkinson of Bement; 1992 graduate of Bement High School; graduate student in the special education program.

NEWTON: Megan J. Ghast, daughter of Brad and Sharon Ghast of Newton; 2002

graduate of Newton Community High School; senior special education major.

OAK FOREST: Christine T. Kuspa, daughter of Hank and Maureen Kuspa of Oak Forest; 2004 graduate of Oak Forest High School; junior special education major.

ODELL: Meghan E. Cassady, daughter of Mike and Sherry Cassady of Odell; 2004 graduate of Pontiac Township High School; junior special education/elementary education major.

PLANO: Stephanie J. Turner, daughter of Steve and Jayne Turner of Plano; 2002 graduate of Plano High School; senior special education major.

POSEN: Kelly N. Finigan of Posen; 2002 graduate of Bremen High School in Midlothian; senior special education major.

RED BUD: Amy L. Gielow, daughter of Larry and Diane Gielow of Red Bud; 2004 graduate of Red Bud High School; junior special education/early childhood special education major.

ROBINSON: Amy J. Hall, daughter of Elenora Hall of Robinson and the late Warren Hall; 1990 graduate of Robinson High School; graduate student in the special education program.

SALEM: Megan B. Beasley, daughter of Randall and Sharon Beasley of Salem; 2003 graduate of Salem Community High School; senior special education major.

SAUNEMIN: Kathryn J. Wiebers, daughter of Ed and Jane Wiebers of Saunemin; 2003 graduate of Pontiac Township High School; senior special education/elementary education major.

SAVOY: Claire G. Walworth of Savoy; senior special education major.

SCHAUMBURG: Michael P. Dietmeyer, son of Jim and Karen Dietmeyer of Schaumburg; 2003 graduate of Schaumburg High School; senior special education

major. **Laura R. Pettinger**, daughter of Joseph and Jennifer Pettinger of Schaumburg; 2002 graduate of Schaumburg High School; senior special education/early childhood special education major.

SENECA: Marcia M. Hetelle, daughter of Craig and Sue Hetelle of Seneca; 2002 graduate of Seneca Township High School; senior elementary education/special education major.

SHERMAN: Rachel L. Fowler, daughter of Doug and Cathy Fowler; 2003 graduate of Williamsville High School; senior special education and early childhood special education major.

SMITHTON: Angela M. Kreher, daughter of Steve and Linda Kreher; 2004 graduate of Gibault High School in Waterloo; senior special education/early childhood special education major.

TAYLORVILLE: Jennifer L. Hendrickson, daughter of Andy and Julie Hendrickson of Taylorville; 2001 graduate of Morrisonville High School; Spring 2006 graduate with a degree in special education and elementary education.

TEUTOPOLIS: Mandy K. Probst, wife of Keith Probst and mother of Wade and Tia Probst, all of Effingham; daughter of Kelly and Julie Stortzum of Louisville; 1995 graduate of North Clay High School in Louisville; graduate student in the special education program. **Lisa M. Schmidt**, daughter of Kurt and Betty Schmidt of Teutopolis; 2003 graduate of Teutopolis High School; senior special education/elementary education major.

TINLEY PARK: Kathryn A. Book, daughter of Chris and Karen Book of Tinley Park; 2001 graduate of Victor J. Andrew High School in Tinley Park; Fall 2005 graduate with a degree in special education and elementary education. **Kristen S. Kaufhold**, daughter

of Keith and Margaret Kaufhold of Tinley Park; 2001 graduate of Victor J. Andrew High School in Tinley Park; Spring 2006 graduate with a degree in special education and elementary education. **Kyle C. Pratt**, son of Ron and Janis Pratt of Tinley Park; 2001 graduate of Victor J. Andrew High School in Tinley Park; Spring 2006 graduate with a degree in special education. **Sarah S. Sanderson**, daughter of Tom and Maureen Sanderson of Tinley Park; 2003 graduate of Queen of Peace High School in Burbank; senior special education major.

URBANA: Amy S. Kuka, daughter of Marian Kuka of Watertown, Minn., and the late Thomas Kuka; 1989 graduate of Watertown-Mayer High School; graduate student in the special education program.

WHEATON: Ellen L. Daschler, daughter of John and Elaine Daschler of Wheaton; 2003 graduate of Glenbard South High School in Glen Ellyn; senior special education major.

WHEELER: Nichole L. Spiker, daughter of Don and Glenda Spiker of Wheeler; 2003 graduate of Newton Community High School; senior special education major.